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- 1. MISSION REVIEWED MAIN POINTS REFTEL A WITH INDIAN ECONMIN CHADHA AUG. 16. HIS REACTIONS WERE SIMILAR IN MOST RESPECTS TO THOSE OF BAGCHI AS REPORTED REFTEL B. SPECIFICALLY: (A) CHADHA SEES NO ALTERNATIVE TO ARTICLE XXV WAIVER FOR AUXILIARY DUTIES IF US INSISTS; HE CONSIDERS ONE YEAR WAIVER MINIMUM REALISTIC TIME PERIOD; HE WILL CONSULT GATT SEC RE PREPARATION OF DRAFT WAIVER FOR CIRCULATION IN ADVANCE NEXT GATT COUNCIL AND (B) CONCERNING ARTICLE XXVIII RENEGOTIATIONS, HE TOOK NOTE OF OUR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING AND EXPECTS RECEIVE A GOI LIST OF COMPENSATORY OFFERS THIS FALL.
- 2. CONCERNING BOP CONSULTATIONS, CHADHA HOPED US WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH MINI-CONSULTATION TENTATIVELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCHEDULED SEPT. 27 (WITH THREE OTHER COUNTRIES), OR

ALTERNATIVELY HOLD FURTHER US-GOI BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS US MAY HAVE. WE SAID WE HAD ALREADY NOTIFIED GATT SEC WE CONSIDERED SEPARATE FULL BOP CONSULTATION SHOULD BE SCHEDULED AND HAD PROPOSED EARLY OCT. WE DREW ATTENTION TO REQUIREMENT TO CONSULT IN GATT ABOUT ANY INTENSIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS AND NOTED SUCH INTENSIFICATION HAS CERTAINLY OCCURRED, ESPECIALLY EXPANDED EMBARGO LIST WHICH HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED TO GATT.

- 3. RELEVANT PORTIONS OF REFTEL A ALSO DISCUSSED WITH GATT SEC AUG. 14. SEC WILL TRY TO PERSUADE INDIAN MISSION TO CIRCULATE INFO ON EMBARGO LIST.
- 4. RE LAST SENTENCE PARA 3 REFTEL, INDIA WAS WILLING HOLD BOP CONSULTATION IN 1971 BUT IT WAS DEFERRED BECAUSE OTHER COUNTRIES TO BE CONSULTED AT SAME TIME WERE UNPREPARED (REF GENEVA 4309, OCT. 4, 1971). DEFERRED CONSULTATIONS WERE NOT RESCHEDULED IN 1972 AT INITIATIVE OF DG AS PART OF HIS RESPONSE TO US INSISTENCE ON CUTS IN GATT BUDGET (REF GENEVA A-22, JAN. 15, 1972). MISGIVINGS BY SEVERAL CPS ABOUT BREACH OF FORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLES XII AND XVIII LED ULTIMATELY TO ADOPTION OF NEW MINI-BOP PROCEDURES FOR CASES CPS WILLING TREAT ROUTINELY. (FOR NEW DELHI: UNDER "MINI-BOP" PROCEDURES, ANY SINGLE CP CAN TRIGGER A FULL BOP CONSULTATION IF IT WISHES. MINI PROCEDURES INVOLVE PRO FORMA CONSULTATION NORMALLY SIMPLY NOTING SUBMISSION OF MEMO ON NATURE OF CONTROL SYSTEM.)
- 5. GOI MEMO INTENDED FOR MINI-CONSULTATION HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS BOP/137 DATED 6 JULY ENTITLED CONSULTATION UNDER ARTICLE XVIII: 12(B). IT DOES NOT REFER TO INDIAN EMBARGO LIST ALTHOUGH IT CONTAINS A SENTENCE ON PAGE 3 THAT "TRADING AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS INFORMED FROM TIME TO TIME ABOUT CHANGES IN LICENSING POLICY RELATING TO PARTICULAR COMMODITIES AND IN RULES OF PROCEDURE."

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